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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MAY 20,
1974:

QUOTE: MR. KING: I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT AT THE
CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, ON MAY 9TH, THE
SECRETARY ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER,
PRINCE FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO
PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON ON MAY 24, TO CONFER
WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY ON CONCRETE WAYS TO
STRENGTHEN U.S.-SAUDI COOPERATION.

WHEN THE SECRETARY DECIDED TO DELAY HIS RETURN TO WASHING-
TON BECAUSE OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN HIS CONTINUING
EFFORT TO SEEK A DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
SYR A, IT WAS AGREED THAT PRINCE FAHD WOULD POSTPONE HIS
VISIT FOR A BRIEF PERIOD.

NOW WE ARE KEEPING THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT FULLY INFORMED OF
THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE BEEN ASSURED OF
THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASONS FOR THE TEMPORARY POST-
PONEMENT OF PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT. NEW DATES WILL BE SET FOR
THIS VISIT, AND WE STILL EXPECT IT WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN
A MONTH. END QUOTE. RUSH

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